(b) to (d) Plastics are not konwn to have had any adverse impact on ozone layer. ISI standerds|international specifications are available for various plastic applications.

Radiation diseases in coastal Kerala

1340. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to high incidence of radiation diseases in costal Kerala as reported in the 'Economic Times' of the 3rd March, 1990; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Non-Governmental Organisations involved in this work are being encouraged and supported by Government in these studies; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the salient findings of the studies; and

(d) whether these are in keeping with results of similar studies carried out in USA and other countries and if so, what corrective steps are being taken|proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India has not supported the study carried out by the Non-Governmental Organisations.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Effects of Environmental Pollutants

1341. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that environmental pollutants caused by industrialisation process affects foetus as well as the health of growing children and lactating mothers; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following measures are being taken by the Government to control the situation:—

1. Strict implementation of the provisions of the Insecticides Act and the rules made thereunder;

2. By phasing out the persistant pollutants like DDT and BHC; and

3. By following safe spray methods so as to avoid contamination of the non-target species.

1342. [*Transferred to the 24th May*, 1990.]

Complaints against the accountant of the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya

1343. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint regarding misappropriation of funds and indecent behaviour against the Accountant of the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi has come to the Government's notice; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) In reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1530 answered on the 1st August, 1989, it was stated that there are no papers|record to show that a sum of Rs. 420|- was over charged by the Accountant of R.A K. College of Nursing on account of electricity charges from a trainee student of Master of Nursing. On a further reference from a Member of Parliament, an enquiry

was also made in regard to this allegation and it was found that the allegation is not correct. Further, on a oral complaint regarding the alleged misbehaviour of the Accountant that he had been found drinking in the college premises, the Police after investigation found that the anonymous complaint was false and baseless

Effects of food additives

1344. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the hyper activity caused in children due to use of various food additives in processed food and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Voluntary Health Association of India in an article 'Health for Millions' of October, 1988 nas drawn attention to the dangers of various additives in foods and if so, what are the details thereof and what corrective action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether, apart from promoting food additives, CSIR, ICMR, ICAR, laboratories dealing with food and nutritions, have undertaken any studies on bad effects of additives; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the excellent work done by Hyperactivity Association of South Australia on the effect of additives in creating naughty, aggressive and clumsy children and, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The different food additives permitted under PFA rules are safe and do not seem to produce hyper activity in children. No instance of hyper activity in children using processed food has come across in India.

(b) The Government has seen one publication entitled 'Health for Millions' of October, 1988 published by Voluntary Health Association of India reporting that many of the food additives are believed to cause hyper-activity in children. Food additives permitted under the provisions of PFA Rules, 1955, in general are not reported to cause hyper-activity in children.

(c) The leading R. & D. Institutions in the country do undertake studies on effect of additives as and when need arises.

(d) No such Report has come to the notice of the Government of India.

Free check-in-facility at airports by Indian Airlines

1345. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has introduced free check-in facility at the airport terminal of Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines propose to introduce similar facility at other airports also; and

(c) if so, by when and how much expenditure is likely to be involved in providing such facility at other airports?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines has plans to introduce free check-in facility at major airports in a phased manner. No additional expenditure is involved to Indian Airlines.

Exhibition of religious pictures in hospital

1346. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in almost every general ward of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Delhi, there are pictures of Hindu Gods and Goddess and Sikh Gurus;